

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2001 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Five large fires were contained, two in the Northwest, and one each in Southern California, Rocky Mountain and Western Great Basin Areas. Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The U.S. Army Task Force Phoenix Blaze, commanded by LTC Ronald Huether, at Ft. Lewis, WA, has arrived at the Virginia Lake Complex and will begin two days of field training.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage large fires in eastern Washington. Priorities are being established by the Northwest Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms. VIRGINIA LAKE COMPLEX, Colville Agency, BIA. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the St. Mary's, Goose Lake, and Virginia Lake fires, is 12 miles south of Okanogan, WA. An evacuation order remains in effect for the St. Mary's fire in the Haley Road and Dutch Anderson Road areas along the northern portions of State Route 155. The St. Mary fire has reduced fire activity due to precipitation.

MT. LEONA COMPLEX, Colville National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stutler) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Republic, WA. Rain received in the area has moderated fire activity.

REX CREEK COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned. This complex of five fires is 34 miles northwest of Lake Chelan, WA in the Sawtooth Wilderness Area. A mandatory evacuation is in effect for the Flick Creek and Prince Creek areas as the fire continues to approach residences and historic structures along the shore of Lake Chelan. Fire activity has begun to increase as winds dry fine fuels.

ICICLE COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Upper 8 Mile and the Snowflake fires, is six miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. Evacuation orders have been lifted. Fire activity was minimal due to precipitation received.

SLEEPY COMPLEX, Colville National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This complex, made up of the Sleepy and Buckhorn fires, is 24 miles northwest of Inchelium, WA. Crews and equipment continue with fireline construction.

SPRUCE SPRINGS/DOME COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Dome, Spiral Butte, and Spruce Springs fires, is 30 miles west of Yakima, WA. Crews continue to locate and line spot fires.

TONASKET COMPLEX, Okanogan National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Dunton/Andring) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Cape LaBelle, Windy Ridge, Long Swamp and Bailey Mountain/Action #214 fires, is near Tonasket, WA. Crews continue to make significant progress in fireline construction and mopup operations.

HORSE CREEK, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stam) is assigned. This fire is seven miles north of Imnaha, OR. Fire behavior was minimal due to cloud cover and occasional rain showers over the fire. Crews continue to hold and improve fireline.

OLALLIE LAKE COMPLEX, Mt. Hood National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Ostman) is assigned. This complex near Olallie Lake, OR, is being managed jointly by the Warm Springs Reservation and the Mt. Hood National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jackson) will transition on 8/25. Good progress has been made on fireline construction. Some precipitation was received over the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VIRGINIA LAKE C	WA	COA	79723	40	8/27	1875	40	94	11	12	10.5M
MT. LEONA COMPL	WA	COF	6002	25	UNK	1304	39	56	1	0	2.1M
REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	47843	42	9/7	565	16	0	8	2	2M
ICICLE COMPLEX	WA	WEF	7582	70	8/25	924	19	7	7	0	5.6M
SLEEPY COMPLEX	WA	COF	1385	80	8/24	422	13	18	3	0	600K
SPRUCE SPRINGS/	WA	WEF	2723	95	8/24	1230	43	76	4	0	5.1M
TONASKET COMPLE	WA	OKF	3790	48	8/27	990	29	51	0	0	3.9M
HORSE CREEK	OR	WWF	16459	85	8/24	308	12	4	5	0	2.1M
OLALLIE LAKE CO	OR	MHF	2719	95	8/25	787	27	12	8	0	3.7M
MONUMENT COMPLE	OR	ORS	32352	100	---	962	32	73	3	0	5.9M
QUARTZ	OR	ORS	6170	100	---	1372	45	29	5	4	9.8M

ORS = Oregon Department of Forestry

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Northern Rockies Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

FRIDLEY, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles southwest of Livingston, MT. Due to the dry cold frontal passage and associated extreme fire behavior, no suppression resources were on the fireline due to safety concerns. Resources were assigned to structure protection.

WERNER PEAK COMPLEX, Northwestern Land Office, Montana Department of

Natural Resources. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) will take command of the Moose fire on 8/25. This complex is seven miles north of Whitefish, MT. Fireline construction is complete on the Werner Peak fire and crews are starting mopup operations 100 feet into the fire. Extreme fire behavior was observed due to strong winds.

MONUMENT, Gallatin National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Adams) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is in Sweet Grass County, MT, in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness. Observed fire behavior was limited to creeping and occasional torching. An evacuation plan was completed and a structure protection plan is being developed with Sweet Grass County.

EAR, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Columbia Falls, MT. Strong winds kept aircraft grounded most of the day. Observed fire behavior included torching, uphill runs and spotting up to 200 yards ahead of the fire.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Priest Lake Supervisory Area, Idaho Department of Lands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This fire, burning in alpine fir and brush, is 20 miles north of Coolin, ID. The fire received significant rainfall intermittently throughout the day.

LOWER FAWN CREEK COMPLEX, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This complex of fires is six miles northwest of Seeley Lake, MT. Crews made good progress securing fireline and mopping up spot fires with the support of helicopter bucket drops.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	10000	0	UNK	307	6	8	8	0	504K
WERNER PEAK COM	MT	NWS	3420	15	UNK	884	28	19	13	0	3.4M
MONUMENT	MT	GNF	1200	0	9/30	44	1	0	1	0	110K
EAR	MT	FNF	230	0	UNK	43	2	0	0	0	NR
LOOKOUT MOUNTAI	ID	IDS	440	75	8/25	209	4	0	4	0	1.6M
LOWER FAWN CREE	MT	SWS	215	80	8/25	335	10	9	2	0	767K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CREEK, Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Type 1 Incident Management Team (Maner) is assigned. This fire is two miles north of Coulterville, CA. No major fire runs were observed. All road closures and evacuation orders have been rescinded for local residents. Reduction in acreage is due to better mapping.

LEONARD, Tuolumne-Calaveras Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lombardo) is assigned. This fire is near San Andreas, CA. Evacuation

orders remain in effect for Green Hills, Skyline Pines and Murray Creek Ranch. Successful burnout operations occurred on the north and east flanks.

NORTH FORK, Sierra National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between the California Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (VanDevort), a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Vittum) and the Madera County Fire due to mutual jurisdictional responsibilities. This fire is near Bass Lake, CA. The fire continues to back into drainages in heavy timber and brush, with some spotting and torching observed.

HIGHWAY, Sequoia National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is twelve miles east of Dunlap, CA. Highway 180 was opened to the public. Burnout operations have been successful.

HOOVER COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles southeast of Yosemite Village, CA. This complex of fires includes the Hoover, Clark, Kuna, Cold Creek and Lyell fires.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CREEK	CA	MMU	11095	95	8/25	1883	31	44	13	31	3.6M
LEONARD	CA	TCU	4395	60	8/25	1565	23	46	9	12	2.6M
NORTH FORK	CA	SNF	3395	70	9/1	1469	35	44	8	2	990K
HIGHWAY	CA	SQF	4150	50	9/1	1143	31	30	5	7	1.9M
MIDWAY	CA	BDF	150	100	---	11	0	2	0	0	NR

BDF = San Bernardino National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Great Basin Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

MOLLIE, Uinta National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This fire is 1/4 mile east of Santaquin, UT. The fire continues to burn in higher elevations on the east flank and the southwest perimeter in the Mt. Nebo Wilderness.

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stanich) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID. An increase in winds limited the use of helicopters during the afternoon. Crews made good progress constructing fireline.

SOUTH HOLLOW, Uinta National Forest. This fire is four miles southeast of Woodland, UT. An infrared aircraft flight revealed significant amounts of hot spots throughout the perimeter.

GARDEN GAP, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. This wind driven fire is seven miles southwest of McCamman, ID. Active runs and

spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MOLLIE	UT	UIF	8021	56	8/25	327	7	12	5	2	1.3M
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2581	45	9/15	263	5	1	5	0	1.9M
SOUTH HOLLOW	UT	UIF	1800	98	8/24	226	8	5	2	0	609K
GARDEN GAP	ID	IFD	500	20	UNK	27	0	7	0	0	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Great Basin Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

GRANITE, Great Basin National Park. This fire is 60 miles southeast of Ely, NV. The fire was active on the northeast flank with spotting over the line. Fire behavior remains unstable due to strong winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
GRANITE	NV	GBP	221	65	8/31	221	7	3	2	0	379K
UPPER WILLOW	NV	HTF	41830	100	---	305	10	7	7	0	2.3M

HTF = Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WIND CREEK, Casper Dispatch Center Counties. This fire burning in Ponderosa pine, sagebrush and grass is 11 miles northeast of Edgerton, WY. Strong, shifting winds are impeding containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WIND CREEK	WY	CPX	1500	25	8/24	16	0	3	1	0	NR
ROURKE	WY	CPX	453	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

High pressure building into the Pacific Northwest will bring mostly sunny conditions, with partly cloudy skies in northwest Washington. High temperatures will be in the 70's in northeast Washington, and in the mid 70's to low 80's elsewhere east of the Cascades. Minimum relative humidity

will range from 20 to 30 percent east of the Cascades. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 10 to 15 mph over the higher terrain of the Cascades and mountains of northern Oregon and Washington.

High pressure will continue to develop over the Northern Rockies bringing mostly sunny conditions. High temperatures will be 70 to 80, except in the upper 80's east of the Rockies. Minimum relative humidity will range from 20 to 30 percent west of the Divide, and 15 to 25 percent east. Winds will be westerly at 5 to 15 mph, except 20 to 35 mph on ridge tops.

Building high pressure over southern California will bring mostly sunny conditions. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's inland, and 105 to 112 in the lower elevation deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 12 to 25 percent inland, and 8 to 15 percent in the deserts. Winds will be southwest at 15 to 25 mph during the afternoon over higher elevations.

A ridge of high pressure will strengthen over eastern Great Basin bringing partly to mostly sunny skies. High temperature in Utah will be 75 to 85 in the mountains, and 90's at lower elevations. Idaho high temperatures will be in the 70's in the mountains, and mid 70's to mid 80's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 20 percent. Winds will be southwest at 5 to 12 mph in Utah, and southwest at 10 to 20 mph in Idaho.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1			0	1	2
NORTHWEST	ACRES		1			4	936	941
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				5	2	8
CA-NORTH	ACRES	5				1	3	9
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				1	16	4	21
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				1	894	1706	2601
NORTHERN	FIRES		1			3	6	10
NORTHERN	ACRES		150			0	6360	6510
GB-EAST	FIRES		5		1	1	3	10
GB-EAST	ACRES		551		0	4	20	575
GB-WEST	FIRES	1	1	1			1	4
GB-WEST	ACRES	5	1	0			0	6
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1					5	6
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	1					4	5
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1		1	1	2	5
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		975		0	1	1	977
EASTERN	FIRES					1		1
EASTERN	ACRES					0		0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					29	5	34
SOUTHERN	ACRES					262	21	283
TOTAL	FIRES	3	9	1	3	56	29	101
TOTAL	ACRES	11	1678	0	1	1166	9051	11907

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	2	15	2	310	3	334
ALASKA	ACRES	0	1085	1611	5842	210139	3263	221940
NORTHWEST	FIRES	238	326	25	36	1281	1232	3138
NORTHWEST	ACRES	90811	337361	6757	187	107009	107796	649921
CA-NORTH	FIRES	119	72	8	23	2348	884	3454
CA-NORTH	ACRES	203	75032	5871	5	38806	76128	196045
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	107	110	16	38	1728	597	2596
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	406	1386	1263	11	18584	31266	52916
NORTHERN	FIRE	735	40	18	35	601	651	2080
NORTHERN	ACRES	8200	4121	392	2858	11607	18850	46028
GB-EAST	FIRES	64	893		60	787	821	2625
GB-EAST	ACRES	781	96597		940	123622	26753	248693
GB-WEST	FIRES	18	560	4	15	107	195	899
GB-WEST	ACRES	8965	478598	1	796	31398	61590	581348
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1141	199	16	43	703	1539	3641
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5383	5483	4568	1083	19381	20277	56175
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	325	543	23	53	378	517	1839
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2032	12620	300	175	10093	7311	32531
EASTERN	FIRES	330		10	49	10153	451	10993
EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	496	39906	5526	60800
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		60	1081	23209	686	25071
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4749		19316	37329	613907	18802	694103
TOTALS	FIRES	3114	2745	195	1435	41605	7576	56670
TOTALS	ACRES	136384	1012283	40097	49722	1224452	377562	2840500

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 61,381
 TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 2,824,539

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
NORTHWEST	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
NORTHERN	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0

GB-WEST	ACRES								0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES								0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES								0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES								0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES								0
EASTERN	FIRES								0
EASTERN	ACRES								0
SOUTHERN	FIRES								0
SOUTHERN	ACRES								0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	1		3	1	6
ALASKA	ACRES		5	745		449	1081	2280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	17	66	9			314	406
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4801	7194			50057	66408
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	5	1		41	73
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	615	10		9512	10499
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	3	2		44	51
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		9305	9699
NORTHERN	FIRES	21	7	112		44	301	485
NORTHERN	ACRES	1736	5840	15575		4309	29906	57366
GB-EAST	FIRES		8	4	3	9	40	64
GB-EAST	ACRES		817	1890	177	1490	8876	13250
GB-WEST	FIRES		9		1		2	12
GB-WEST	ACRES		805		0		182	987
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	13	29	11		2	204	259
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2202	21947	35634		500	59097	119380
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	113	3	2	50	189
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	14760	303	762	26747	49464
EASTERN	FIRES	10		68	10	320	126	534
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17861	1355	43868	16085	87810
SOUTHERN	FIRES	7		182	15	142	882	1228
SOUTHERN	ACRES	718		53257	33902	87697	702286	877860
TOTAL	FIRES	90	147	508	35	522	2005	3307
TOTAL	ACRES	20415	38719	147739	35921	139075	913134	1295003

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				2		1	3
NORTHWEST	ACRES				1		1	2

CA-NORTH	FIRES									0
CA-NORTH	ACRES									0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					29		11		40
CA-SOUTH	ACRES					4882		73		4955
NORTHERN	FIRES					12		23		35
NORTHERN	ACRES					501		2274		2775
GB-EAST	FIRES					1				1
GB-EAST	ACRES					15				15
GB-WEST	FIRES	2	24							26
GB-WEST	ACRES	0	5671							5671
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					2		21		23
SOUTHWEST	ACRES					1104		7185		8289
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		17	1		2		10		30
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		2810	48		934		603		4395
EASTERN	FIRES							2		2
EASTERN	ACRES							24		24
SOUTHERN	FIRES									0
SOUTHERN	ACRES									0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	2	41	1		48	0	68		160
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	8481	48		7437	0	10160		26126

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires		Hectares	
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	13	1044	6996
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	68	17772
ALBERTA	2	0	814	151699
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	123	105914
SASKATCHEWAN	5	9	683	181810
MANITOBA	2	0	463	75740
ONTARIO	13	9	1320	10526
QUEBEC	1	1	917	31105
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	178	809
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	393	544
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	371	399
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	20	24
NATIONAL PARKS	1	9233	85	17517
TOTALS	25	9265	6479	600855

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews		Engs		Heli		Airt		Ovrhd	
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	168	174	114	344	38	35			1201	1016
CA-NORTH	17	25	32	16	7	5			163	241

CA-SOUTH	59	72	47	133	19	24	1		191	310
NORTHERN	55	6	9	44	20	17			355	256
GB-EAST	28	10	53	8	16	8			280	51
GB-WEST	14	7	18	1	1	8			103	32
SOUTHWEST	9		13							
ROCKY MTN	1		4	3		1			5	3
EASTERN			15							
SOUTHERN	13									
TOTAL	364	294	305	549	101	98	1	0	2298	1909

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